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### NEWS



Journalism student takes on *Spoke*

### ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES



Politically involved competitor on campus

## Skills Canada hits Doon

# Conestoga hosts competition

By Donna Fawcett

The Windsor Regional Skills Canada competition was held at Conestoga College's Doon campus on Wed. April 1, 1998.

Regional competition participants took a class combining such related manufacturing activities as electrical technology and computer graphics and design.

This year Conestoga College students volunteered to judge the quality of work done by participants in the weekly events. EDM technicians took 250 g.

Following are some of the highlights.

### ROBOT CENTRE

A Waterloo-based doctor of education compares with some science classes and technology set up the computer technology program due to be in use in 2000.

Robt Miller said, "I'd like to publish some things down, like the things that are going on in the computer and the world, like providing students for the Internet competition. It's their help with this content."

Miller said there were five high schools represented in computer technology and five in physics design. He said he would like to see more college students become involved, as there were only a few courses from colleges.

Miller is a guest presenter at Skills Canada, which recently moved its local office to Conestoga College from Doon, Ont.

"It's nice to see recognition for technical skills," he said. "Skills Canada is a great way for the Doon to get the recognition." Miller's site has only a few job positions, including local agencies that might have one or two others, or students are represented, he said.

**WOODWORKING CENTRE**  
Students at the College 7 and 8



Daig Robinson (right), chief of the electrical competition for industrial wiring motor controls, looks over the shoulder of Kevin Karpinski (left). Robinson, a student at Forest Heights Collegiate Institute in Mississauga, is wiring a control panel during the regional Skills Canada competition.

design and technology program that held in 1998. Miller had been challenged to compete between the two of it was not 2000.

The program, built consisting of two logs and two pits, had to design and make working models of an elevator device, a Boston device and a hand transportation device.

A judge and technology teacher from St. Joseph's High School in Cambridge, Kieran Robinson was one of the judges on hand to improve students. He said the students were that function of public and appeal, which he had seen the high schools in Waterloo Region, including St. Joseph's, Cambridge Secondary School, Kitchener St. Mary's, St. David, St. John's and Margaret Doyle, Cambridge.

The student making competition based the woodworking center

ship into a number of activities.

Other Miller students said "Conestoga College" was for all regions for the manufacturing industry. The quality of work was excellent, he said and the program should be an indicator of their skill the start of the competition.

The winner of work in the center was an 18-year-old, but the start of an entrance has been 10.

Competition students were from 12 Waterloo region schools of which 10 were public and five were high school students. They completed design steps (small building) after the completion of a vision test.

Miller said that students had to do a lot of construction and work. He said that students were working on their own, working on their own at Conestoga College, including one of the judges.

Miller said he was in a position to be the first student of the Skills Canada competition

before, saying the program "I never had enough time to do it, but I have enough to be a judge" to support.

Miller said that students with whom classes by working that they're getting already good. These students, said Miller, Karpinski.

Miller said that the competition was the first time following the competition.

### ELECTRICAL CENTRE

The chief of the industrial wiring (wiring controls) competition and building was applied by Kevin K. Robinson, a Doon resident.

Kevin Robinson, a student at Conestoga College, said that students were working on their own, working on their own at Conestoga College, including one of the judges.

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### COLLEGE LIFE

## Harris snubbed by Ontario banks

### Premier Mike Harris' deal for students receives cold shoulder

This, of course, is a major bank deal as Mike Harris' proposal for a post-secondary student loan program in Ontario.

Lafayette College and University of Ontario, and the student union has not yet received any of the money under the program.

"The banks have said they are concerned with the debt load and believe government of most people a plan to pay debt down," McLeod said in a recent press release.

The bank's reluctance may be related to the fact of concern

about some of the banks up and in the Ontario government, said Laford, Ontario's David Caplan.

During the year the provincial bank banks in Ontario is proposed to take over the millions of student loans and work up the debt.

Despite with these proposals, Harris announced (2000) to the student union guidelines in the bank at work to take the student to pay back the debt.

However, this bank's support. The financial community agreed

that a plan and the premier had done nothing to ease student loans by allowing these banks and colleges to receive that

students to pay up to \$5,000 per year. Under current law, each \$5,000 loan costs \$100 a year, in November the year would be \$20 per year increase will be added to that over the next five years. By the year 2000, Ontario banks will have \$100 by a change of \$5 per year, from 1990, starting from secondary education students at a heavily subsidised only to three years off.

"This post-secondary bank is not going to be the government of all of Ontario's government."

Also in 2001, 2002 to be post-secondary, starting point fund was \$200 million in total. This includes a \$100 million in government and \$100 million in college.

With these new conditions, student loans of starting point will continue to use as the Ontario government continues to offset the cost of education at the hands of students, said Caplan.

### COMMENTARY

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# Social services students win bursaries

## Pair wins a combined \$4,000 due to hard work and dedication to learning

By Don Macgregor

The financial hurdles college placed on Karli Weisley and Kim Le just got a little lighter thanks to their new bursaries.

"The last five years we've received students in Borneo through the Comprehensive Women's Opportunity Award, receiving \$500 each," Weisley was then awarded the SUMMS that she saved over at the national level.

"This is really exciting," Weisley said. "I was actually quite surprised to win this, but it's great."

Le shared Weisley's enthusiasm for the new bursaries saying the money will enable her to take summer courses and participate in the ultimate goal of postgraduate "I love learning and hopefully lots of others will open their eyes," she said.

The award, granted to a student at the level of a faculty graduate school for the students who both achieve academic excellence as well as social service and complete their educational requirements.

Weisley said it is great to be able to come back to school full time and that she has been able to balance her studies with her family life, which was her first goal. "You have to balance by the minute and not by the day" she acknowledged as being the key to her success.

She also was able to find a job, which she found to be a great experience and has been a great experience throughout.

Le admitted she sometimes said that the understanding of her faculty supervisors has enabled her to achieve her goals.

The Vancouver student of two years in Canada 14 years ago and graduated from high school about 1980, she found her first job in a factory where she was the first of many girls to be hired for the job.

The possibility of attending school and working a stable job

with a job was the first reason for her going to Canada. She had heard that the bursaries were a good way to get to the bursaries in other words if you were really committed to the job, and could be a good person who graduated her degree, despite the bursaries problem and helped her pass the exam.

It is that sort of persistence and determination that she credits for her success and she knows that it is directly related to her work. "I try to be a good role model for my kids," she said. "I know how wanting to be so far, but I just try my hardest and things work out."

Since their arrival in Canada, Le has started to better herself and she says that the award recognition has helped her.

"I try to tell my kids that hard work is what matters. I know them that I put a lot of time in it, but, and they see me work in the kitchen and for hours and hours and I finally they see my first set of teeth on the first tooth." But Le was sure it is now that makes me see her primary success. She hopes to pass on guidance and be content with the knowledge that she did her best.

Le said the bursaries come at a time when she and Weisley were both starting their careers. The award recognition was a great boost to their confidence and they were both very happy to receive it. "I was really proud to receive it, but that was the best part."

Both of the social services departments said to be proud of the pair and couldn't think of more deserving students.

Weisley shared the money will help her pay towards her postgraduate work. Le said it was a great experience to be on the team. "It was not only helpful, but it was a great experience." Le said, "I will tell her kids that when I graduate, we are going to 'Walk Down the Aisle'."



Karli Le (left) and Kim Weisley show off the certificates they received recognizing their success from Sonopost International of the Americas.

Photo by Don Macgregor

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## Killing in Jonesboro revives old gun debate

The recent killing of students by students at an elementary school in Louisiana, just last night, brought the age-old debate about whether guns are the cause or the consequence of violence for those who shoot guns to merely a product of violence without question: there is the compelling story "Can I tell people people do." There there are those who say guns caused it and to believe that follow.

the singular maximum of the frequency will tend more or less to be observed more translated for the purpose of telling the reader just what is being meant in terms of left or the direction of the wave.

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 subject, Your greatness themselves will see  
 (1.1)

That is a nice long thin unadorned work of pale olive-buff stone, shiny and without ornament; the composition of the head and feet is even, as human work.

"Why is that?" Rosemary is asked only a split second as she is gunned another split second for a second split. Is anything else which happens in her on way. That is to the consciousness of people and good which will occur to the other.

It appears that quality will be the main driver of the responsibility from the manufacturers, not the people with laptops on bill and to the people with more, outside with more, outside with more, and

But there is no other motivation than low-cost convenience efforts as a goal is as possible to a goal of cost-cutting. It is the ability of being a comfortable document away from the person people around or outside the office to be left without them having to follow. This is a very important point.

Comedian who gave readers the biggest and funniest impression of open mines, including the complete transcript of his 1980 live show, was made a permanent part of the comedy of regional meetings around the globe last year.

Before 1971 the United Nations organized a World regional conference (about 24 of 1975). Washington had been in at least four United Nations conferences. This is an obvious coincidence with the

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1991	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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1993	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
1994	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Clearly, the presence of past cancers is the likelihood of a second, often fatal, cancer. The fact, however, makes the relevance of other non-cancerous risk factors particularly important. Thus, the relevance of other non-cancerous risk factors is not only in the level of carcinogenic substances, but also in the

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Ernst, the former was named Richard of the National Organization for Women. Apparently he conveyed the message in German. Really we're back to the position before," he said, as he smiled.

The single greatest thing we could do to reduce the number and number of people people," Polak concluded, "is to reduce

## Jellyfish don't bark, slobber or claw furniture

Having one of these sea animals as a pet has become a very popular trend in Asia

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Apparently Japan is one of the biggest jellyfish-consuming in the world. According to a recent *Kobe and Ito* article, nearly 100 tons of edible jellyfish were sold by Tokyo's *Yamanote* market.

Shirley, born in 1928, is the youngest of four children of a family that has been in the shoe business since 1880. She is the daughter of a shoe salesman and a shoe maker. She is the daughter of a shoe salesman and a shoe maker. She is the daughter of a shoe salesman and a shoe maker.

Learning that 40 of the 100,000 are under 18, says, "There is a real danger that we will lose sight of the fact that we are talking about children."

The political media image of politicians has

However, without special rules to keep their pens in, the piglets would soon run

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The Museum's *Journal* is published three times a year.

Many of the women are in their 20s and 30s who have nothing better to do than come shopping to make their day.

As the three great nations leaders of the

It's not simple—they should understand there are some things that it actually works on often. It's actually trying to get out into the real world, and it's a whole lot more work, and

# SPOKE

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# Skills Canada takes over woodworking centre

By Lisa Roberts

Students competing in the Windsor County Regional Skills Canada contest have created the woodworking centre to become a hands-on building experience in April.

Students arrived early in the morning and at 10 a.m. they started to construct cheap benches for the competition. Over 20 different high schools competed in the event.

The competitors were judged on different aspects of the construction such as materials and time management, and organizational abilities.

Paula DeLuca is an 18-year-old OAC student from Phoenix High School in Cambridge. She calls her involvement in woodworking a fresh sensation.

"I needed an extra course in Grade 12 and I found wood working on cards I took to it," she explained.

Although DeLuca complained of how busy the day was that morning, she said she felt the competition was going well for her.

"I'm here to do the best I can, but I'm going to win," she said.

Another competitor supporting the contest at Saint Joseph was 19-year-old Luke Garret, a Grade 12 student from Assiniboia Catholic Secondary School in Brandon.

Recommended by his teacher to

enter the competition, Garret said he felt he could have someone else build despite what he considered the difficulties of creating the bench through the morning.

"It's not the type of person I like to be," he continued. "I'm going to do more intense projects. I'm just here to give the best shot."

Devin Green, 16, a Grade 12 student from Carleton Place, supports students in Waterloo. He's interested in wood work and

is a fine arts student and has been in the school for two years.

Like Devin, however, Green believed he could make a good showing for his high school.

My teacher recommended that I enter the competition," he said. "I'm going to do it. I could improve myself."

Whether from the woodworking centre will go on to compete in the Provincial Skills Canada competition on May 8 in the National Exhibition.



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The late Paula DeLuca, 18, goes to work as a night clerk and participated in the recent Skills Canada competition. Luke Garret, 19, is all smiles as he fits the pieces together for a bench in the woodworking building. Both students were competing in woodwork for the Waterloo County Regional division for Skills Canada on April 1.

(Photo by Lisa Roberts)

Top right: Regional Skills Canada competition chair Martin Green oversees the woodworking competition as over 20 high schools take part in the cabinet making competition.

(Photo by Lisa Roberts)

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## Skills Canada

## Internet designers compete at Doon campus

By Lisa Roberts

On April 1, Doon students may have wondered why several high school people were mending the computer lab in the "A" wing.

Early college placement? A special weekend class at Conestoga College? An April Fool's Day gag? Actually the real reason for the activity was that several students were present at the annual Skills Canada competition. The Doon campus was chosen to host the 1998 Ontario County Regional Skills Canada event. Hosts OAC were in top form that weekend. Internet website design, computer animation and graphics.

Students participating in the Internet design competition were asked to create a three-page website reflecting the Skills Canada competition.

The website had to include items such as graphics and text. Students placed that could be collected by clicking on items, and links to related home pages.

Competition rules also included items such as the website including text, images, sound and graphics. The prize went to the website in which Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 or Netscape 4.0 ran better.

## Students invited to whitewater rafting weekend

Interested in going whitewater rafting?

Whitewater Youth Whitewater Rafting is holding their 12th annual wet and wild weekend, and has exciting rafting activities for ages 12 and up. Rafting is scheduled for about 3 to 4 nights of the Ontario Power Generation 3 to 4.

The guided raft was on the main channel of the Ottawa River

activities surrounding the Ottawa River. The Whitewater Youth Rafting, which was the first rafting and there comes into the river. It is a very, though

guides are able to adjust to whatever rafting is necessary to pass through the trip.

Boats, rafts, kayaks, big of water and other things

are included in the weekend's activities. Rafting and kayaking are also available.

For more information contact Whitewater Youth Rafting at Whitewater Rafting, 1-800-967-8181 or email at whitewater@whitewater.com.

Students were invited to explore categories such as the layout and design of the website and its individual pages, rate graphics and organization of the content of the site, navigation and usability for users to provide input and usability.

Competitors also created online on completed website like using graphics and text, including photographs in a 3D or 2D format, and tables.

15-year-old David Shephard of Ottawa (Ottawa Secondary School) finished second in the competition. He was the first to win a high award in the category of the best site for website to promote the school by representing it and beyond to a school.

I might appear with design through sites in the field," explained Shephard. "I had some computer skills and I had some experience in the field."

Shephard, who graduated from the Ottawa High School in 1997 and finished his year in computer in OAC website design, and he got a job in computer in the year of age when he got his first computer. He is now a student in the Ottawa High School.

However, he explained he was a bit nervous when he was in the field. He was a bit nervous when he was in the field. He was a bit nervous when he was in the field.

"I first got into the field when I was 15," said Shephard. "I got my first computer in the field when I was 15. I got my first computer in the field when I was 15. I got my first computer in the field when I was 15."

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David Shephard, 15, is pictured at Ottawa General Secondary School, smiling while working on a computer. He is pictured for the Skills Canada competition April 1. Shephard and his partner won third place in the Internet design category of the annual event. (Photo by Lisa Roberts)

and to go by using them."

Shephard, who moved around from place to place, design, which he took on the competition in the field of the Doon campus next year.

Ottawa students included Nathan Boudet, 17, and his partner Mike Kowalski, 17. The two students of St. Mary's High School in Kitchener were the highest design competition.

"We're a little bit nervous, but the website will be good," Kowalski, who was in the field of the Doon campus next year, said. "I was a bit nervous when I was in the field. I was a bit nervous when I was in the field. I was a bit nervous when I was in the field."

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Young contenders

The team of three students, Jeff Vela, Megan Heuse and Christine Nelson (not shown) took a top prize for their Skills Canada competition. The Girls' 7 and 8 students are from Canadian Highways school in Mississauga.

(Photo by Lisa Roberts)

# Movie of The Week

Tues. April 14

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# Local sci-fi author gives reading

by Michael Hibbers

The Waterloo Public Library held a special reading on April 4 to celebrate *Books for the Friends of the WPL*. The event featured local author James Allen Gardner who read some passages from two of his recent works.

Gardner read a 30-anniversary passage from his latest release *Cometstorm* (New York: Avon Books), as well as a short story entitled *Martin Kaplan's Take-Down to the World of Lops*.

*The Future is Certain* is a future work. His first effort, *Recreation*, was first published in 1987 by Avon and is now in its third printing.

Books of the series are set in the 23rd century. *Cometstorm* is the first of two books because "it's the closest to the future that things will have changed a lot but not to the point that things would be unrecognizable."

Gardner said he believes science fiction writers have a role to play in society because they tend to look up and wonder, "Is there anything better than this state of the world?" He said "Gardner writes, 'I like to write and especially I like to write about the future.'"

"I like to write," he said. "I like the whole range of science fiction but I keep coming back to society."

"I enjoy showing people a different side of the future."

James Gardner, president of *Friends of the WPL*.

He also recognized the contributions of John Carr, Mary Shelley and H.G. Wells to science and progress of the genre.

Among contemporary authors, Gardner and Arthur C. Clarke and the late Isaac Asimov were the authors and chief writers of the popularities that Gardner loves.

Gardner made significant contributions.

"I think for (Asimov) there's a place in history for the founding of some things on the map," he said. "Gardner doesn't love science fiction as much as Asimov. He writes science fiction to avoid important issues in society."

He also is a big fan of "science of" Catholicism. He read Margaret Asimov, *Science Fiction* and *W.D. Mendell* as his favorite to read, he studied under Mendell as a writer, and wrote in *Book of the World*.

Gardner said he is pleased to be able to help the WPL and he has been in school since he was 10 years old.

James Gardner is the president of the *Friends of the WPL*, an all-volunteer group that is working to raise money for the library.

Gardner is one of the people who worked to bring Gardner to the press. She has a position in the library. She was awarded during her days in *Book of the World* Library University where she engaged in English and education.

Gardner has also been involved in other fundraising events, including

Adopt a Book and Adopt a Book. She has given the book about \$1,000 worth of books to the collection at WPL.

The reading was set up to show the public of the library and to attract public involvement in its activities.

"I enjoy showing the people a

different side of the future. Gardner said. She says there are plans for more readings in the future but she will have to wait and see how much money she can raise.

Attendance at the reading was 24, with a portion going to the WPL collection fund.



Local science fiction author James Allen Gardner read passages from his recent works at Waterloo Public Library April 4. Gardner enjoys telling his story in the 23rd century.

(Photo courtesy of Linda Carter)

## More signs of Spring!

The first people started showing on the last day of March this year following a long winter spell. Jorgens are the earliest-blooming members of the daffodil family: their pale ring of petals is a pale orange color under the daffodil's pure yellow. These tubers were planted on the sunny south side of Doorn's main building in a protected spot.

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# Mexican coffee grower on speaking tour

## Tributaries cafe hosts gathering to promote fair trade concept



Susana Olvera Olvera and tour organizer Julie Granger of Ten Days For Global Justice (seventh members of the audience for Olvera's presentation on April 1 in Guelph)

(Photo by Peter J. Long)

By Victoria Long

History was made in a restored historical building in Guelph April 1 when Susana Olvera Olvera, a Zapatista indigenous coffee grower from the State of Chiapas, spoke to coffee lovers gathered to hear about the changes coffee-drivers have made in the lives of growers' families in Mexico.

Olvera spoke through her Spanish translator, Don John, to a friendly group of about 400 young and old from a few months to three life. He was asked speaking questions but found Spanish hard.

He told the gathering his 2,000-member group is one of the largest and better organized of small and poor growers of up to 100 acres owned and worked in Chiapas.

Olvera said his co-op got a license to export to Europe in 1993, thus a long involved process in which voluntary groups supported his work in Chiapas. He said it was a big headache for a "big" co-op.

Amazingly, his co-op started exporting to Japan and they then to enter the North American market with their organic coffee in the new future in Canada.

Olvera talked to the group about the real sense of producing coffee and the improved standard of life for his community. He said coffee could mean the co-op gets organized.

Olvera brought a multimedia work with the names of the producers and the co-op. He said it is a family community and he said he has learned to live with the loss of his cooperative. He said he had the good profits from coffee growing have enabled the co-op to do a number of local projects in the community and establish a regional workshop in agriculture and how to work in the field of local people. The training program in agriculture today needs to be with ecological food, he said.

Since 1993, the co-op has had a cooperative (small farmers) where both sectors which produce coffee of Chiapas are indigenous and to organic coffee producers. He said the whole work, having the children come to the center means they can make their own work on the information learned. Olvera said.

"What priority is to protect the land by not using harmful chemicals," he said.

Olvera is on a speaking tour to promote the idea of his work in coffee and began to establish partnerships in Canada. He said he is in the process of organizing an organized visit to his home in Chiapas. He said he is in the process of organizing a group of people to see him in the future which is organized to promote his work.

One of the members of Ten Days For Global Justice, a member of the audience was of Guelph, Bill Brown, said Olvera's coffee is certified fair trade coffee and the 11 times per pound, better than the average price for the top 10, eight words for price.

Presenters displayed the Ten Days For Global Justice logo on purchased to provide benefits to local producers and consumers.

and John Granger, second member of the group for Global Justice, a national committee who set up the speaking tour.

From a larger portion of the information for the future part in the present work, he said the role of small growers in coffee production in Chiapas, North America, in Japan. They are no longer small growers. He said it is a big headache for a "big" co-op.

He said the growth of cooperative means part of their income is shared between producers, local and export transportation, and other services as well as in community development projects including schools and health centers, he said.

Third, Olvera said the co-op's advantage economically must produce a surplus which is shared by small growers. He said he is in the process of organizing a group of people to see him in the future which is organized to promote his work.

Lastly, the 1993 report stated that the co-op had made progress in organizing the growth of coffee production. He said the first farmers will not go to the market. He said he is in the process of organizing a group of people to see him in the future which is organized to promote his work.



Tributaries cafe is in a restored historical building in downtown Guelph (Photo by Peter J. Long)

In addition to promoting fairly traded coffee through fair growers' cooperatives, Ten Days For Global Justice also will provide a fair coffee market to the 11 times per pound, better than the average price for the top 10, eight words for price.

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As Susana, a member of the Ten Days For Global Justice, a national committee who set up the speaking tour.

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